

HOUSE RESOLUTION 103
By Harmon

A RESOLUTION to recognize James Calvin Burch on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, James Calvin Burch is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-six years with the Sequatchie County Ambulance Service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burch is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, including having served as a member of the Board of Directors for the ASCS County Committee on the Farm Bureau Board, and having lent his support to the Rescue Squad, the Sheriff's Department, and the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, he has worked for the Sequatchie County Ambulance Service with honor since starting his job there as an unpaid ambulance driver; he retires from the service as manager; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary service, James Calvin Burch has distinguished himself as a hero of unparalleled stature; he has dedicated himself to his community, and he occasionally works in extreme conditions to ensure safety; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burch's truck was always well-equipped with the supplies needed in any emergency; he carried pry bars before the Fire Department had the Jaws of Life; and

WHEREAS, while serving as manager of the EMS, he helped to obtain ambulances for the community, and he provided certificates to his employees for jobs well done; as Captain of the Rescue Squad, he purchased the Rescue Squad flag that hangs in the building, and he provided flags to families in honor of members that had passed away; and

WHEREAS, for his honorable work, James Calvin Burch has been recognized many times: he was twice awarded the Squad Man of the Year; he received Appreciation Awards from Sequatchie General Hospital and Grandview Hospital; he was honored with a framed letter from the Senate Chamber of the State of Tennessee for Service in the Rescue Squad and the Sequatchie County Emergency Medical Service in 2003; he received a plaque for his years of Dedication and Service from the Sequatchie County EMS in 2003; and he received a plaque for his years of Dedication and Service with the Sequatchie County Ambulance Service in 2002; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Burch is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Geneva Ewton Burch, and their children: Carol Ann Burch; James Lynn and his wife, Penny Raulston Burch; Rita Faye and her husband, Johnny Carlton; and Edward Lee and his wife, Hope Nelson Burch; and

WHEREAS, the Burches are further blessed with nine grandchildren: James Matthew Burch, Jesse Lee Carlton, Brandon Heath Carlton, Celia Ireland Elizabeth Burch, Charity Grace Ansley Burch, Johnitta Carlton, Rita Carlton, Pay Carlton, Courtney Davis, and Cory Davis; and three great-grandchildren: Chasity, Payton, and Destiny Carlton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burch exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to James Calvin Burch our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.